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Identical letters dated 22 August 2001 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

While the Security Council is seized of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and in total disregard of the clear positions expressed by Member States during the debate of the Council, Israel, the occupying Power, committed yet another crime of extrajudicial killings against Palestinians. Today, Israeli helicopter gunships fired missiles at two cars near the El-Breij refugee camp in the Central Gaza Strip, killing Mr. Bilal El-Ghoul, in addition to injuring others.

Moreover, in the early morning hours of today (Palestine time), Israeli occupying forces killed, in cold blood, three Palestinian civilians. They were killed as they arrived at the scene to examine the situation after an earlier exchange of fire, which resulted in the killing of one Palestinian near the village of Eiba, to the south of Nablus. Also today, Israeli occupying forces shot and killed another Palestinian in Rafah without any fighting present in the area. The above is additional proof of Israel's insistence on continuing with its bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people, which started last September, irrespective of international condemnation and calls for restraint. We call upon the Security Council to urgently adopt the necessary resolution in this regard with the aim of ending Israeli atrocities and the current tragic situation.

Since our last letter to you, dated 21 August 2001 (A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812), I regret to inform you that Israeli occupying forces have killed six more Palestinians, including the above-mentioned martyrs, bringing the total number of martyrs to 577. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) At the same time, the total number of Palestinian civilians injured, many se[illegible]ely and permanently, also continues to rise each day.

I am writing this letter in follow-up to our previous 64 letters addressed to you regarding this grave and ongoing situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory,

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including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 21 August 2001 (A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798 and A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812).

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 22 August 2001 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory including Jerusalem[a] (Wednesday, 22 August 2001)

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1. Ahed Mahmoud Fares
2. Hakam Shahadah Akyallah
3. Fadi Ibrahim Sama'anah
4. Zaher Fawzi Ismail
5. Mahmoud Jasser
6. Bilal El-Ghoul

[a] Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 = 577.